WE NEVER LEARN

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Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Three prodigies + three difficult subjects + one desperate tutor = DANGER!

Yuiga has his hands full trying to help three students succeed in their worst subjects. Fumino is an ace in literature but wants to study science! Super athlete Uruka's preferred university requires English proficiency, but she hates to study! And math whiz Rizu is determined to major in the humanities. But if Yuiga somehow succeeds, he'll get the scholarship he needs to attend his college of choice!

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#1 SUCCESS RATE
* SIGN: SAEGUSA SEMINAR
SO IF WE TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH, WE GET...
"I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME ADVICE ON EMAIL..."
Ohhh!
I GET IT!
YOU'RE AWESOME, NARIYUKI!
HEY...
I'M HELPING AT THE SHOP TODAY. SEE YOU LATER.
SEE YOU, OGATA! GOOD WORK!
SEE YOU, RIZURIN!
BOW
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KaHAM
パターン

Question 35: A Genius Secretly Dances to the Foolery of X

...AND THIS GIRL HE'S KNOWN SINCE JUNIOR HIGH...
YEAH. MY FRIEND ...
Thanks for coming to meet me.
Gulp
THIS MUST BE ABOUT URUKA!
THERE'S AN AWKWARD TENSION WHEN THEY'RE ALONE TOGETHER?

HE WENT AND ASKED HER IF HE WAS HER CRUSH...
...AND SHE FLAT OUT DENIED IT, SO IT'S EXTRA AWKWARD. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT...
SNORT!
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KFF KOFF
WHAT'S UP?
PLEASE, GO ON!
MAYBE SHE FEELS WEIRD ABOUT IT TOO. EITHER WAY, IT'S WAY AWKWARD WHEN THEY'RE ALONE TOGETHER.
SURRR
IT'S TOTALLY FINE WHEN THEY'RE WITH OTHER FRIENDS.
KLAK
KLAK
SHEESH.. I HAD NO IDEA ALL THAT WENT DOWN WHILE I WAS FOCUSED ON STUDYING!
GLUG GLUG GLUG
What to do?
URUKA..
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL HIM THE TRUTH?

I TOLD YOU!
SHE DENIED IT BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT HIM TO FEEL ANY WEIRD PRESSURE!
THE TRUTH IS, I...
I MEAN, MY FRIEND WISHES SHE HADN'T DENIED IT...
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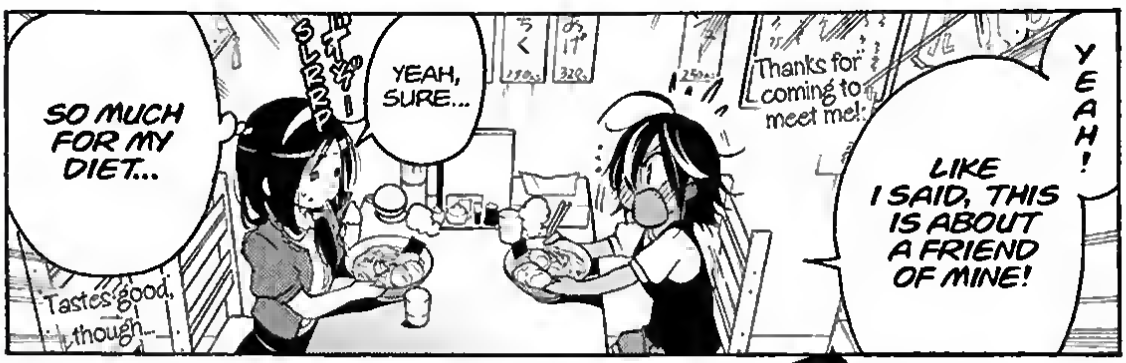
YEAH!
LIKE I SAID, THIS IS ABOUT A FRIEND OF MINE!
Thanks for coming to meet me!
YEAH, SURE...
SLURP
SO MUCH FOR MY DIET...
Tastes good, though...

SO, THEN I... I MEAN SHE... STARTED TO WORRY...
MAYBE SHE HURT HIS FEELINGS.
MAYBE HE'S MAD AT HER, OR...
SHE WISHES ...
...THINGS COULD JUST BE NORMAL BETWEEN THEM AGAIN.
CLUE CLUE CLUE

HEY, URUKA...
TOMORROW, AFTER SWIM PRACTICE...
BUT IT'S AFFECTING THEIR STUDYING ...
I GOTTA HELP, JUST THIS ONCE.
Sure!
More noodles, please!
IT'S NOT FAIR TO RICCHAN IF I TAKE URUKA'S SIDE TOO MUCH..
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CHRRRP ミーン
THE NEXT DAY..
YEAH ...
YOU SURE WORK HARD, EVEN DURING SUMMER BREAK!
SO, YOU HAD SWIM PRACTICE?
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RIGHT!
IF YOU GET STUCK, TEXT ME ANYTIME!
YES-TERDAY, FURU-HASHI SAID...
RIGHT! ON-CALL SUPPORT!

FUMI-NOCCHI !!
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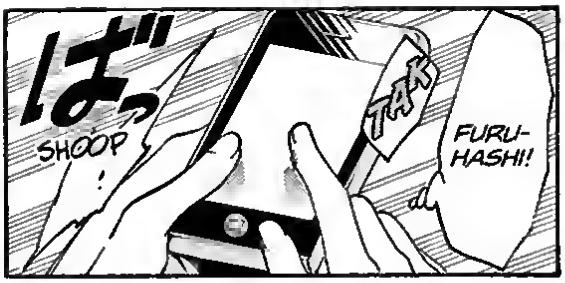
SHOOP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FURU-HASHI!

HELP, FURUHASHI! MY FRIEND'S WITH THAT GIRL, AND HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
HELP, FUMINOCCHI! MY FRIEND'S WITH THAT BOY, AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT!

BZZZ
BZZZ

GOOD THING I SHOWED UP.
THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!

BANGS COMBED FORWARD.
FAKE GLASSES
SIX BRA PADS
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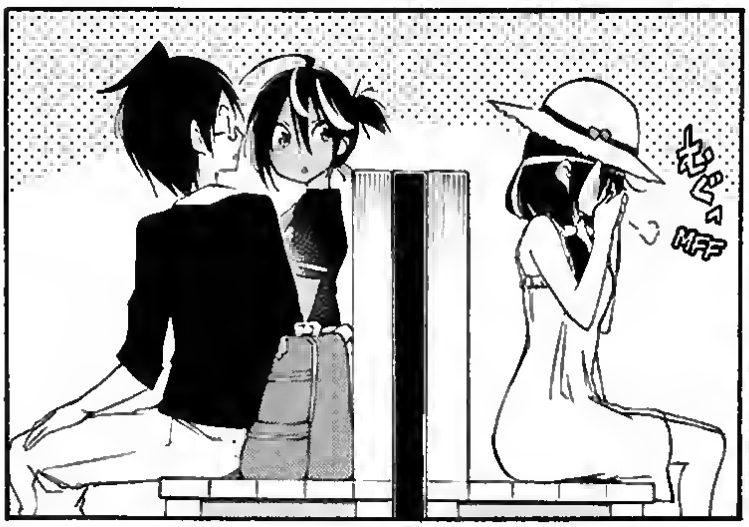
BIP BIP
HOPE MY DISGUISE WORKS.
MAYBE I'M TOO CLOSE...
TRY TALKING ABOUT A MUTUAL FRIEND.
THAT COULD ESTABLISH COMMON GROUND AND GET THE CONVERSATION GOING!
MUTUAL FRIENDS ...
HEY...I WAS SURPRISED...
...THAT ASUMI'S FAMILY RUNS A CLINIC!
OH! RIGHT!
YEAH, ME TOO!
MAN, THAT WAS CRAZY, GETTING CAUGHT IN THE RAIN!
ATTA BOY, YUIGA!

THAT DAY...
EVERY-ONE'S TOPS GOT WET AND SEE-THROUGH...
DID YOU NOTICE?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WH...
WHAA-AAT?!

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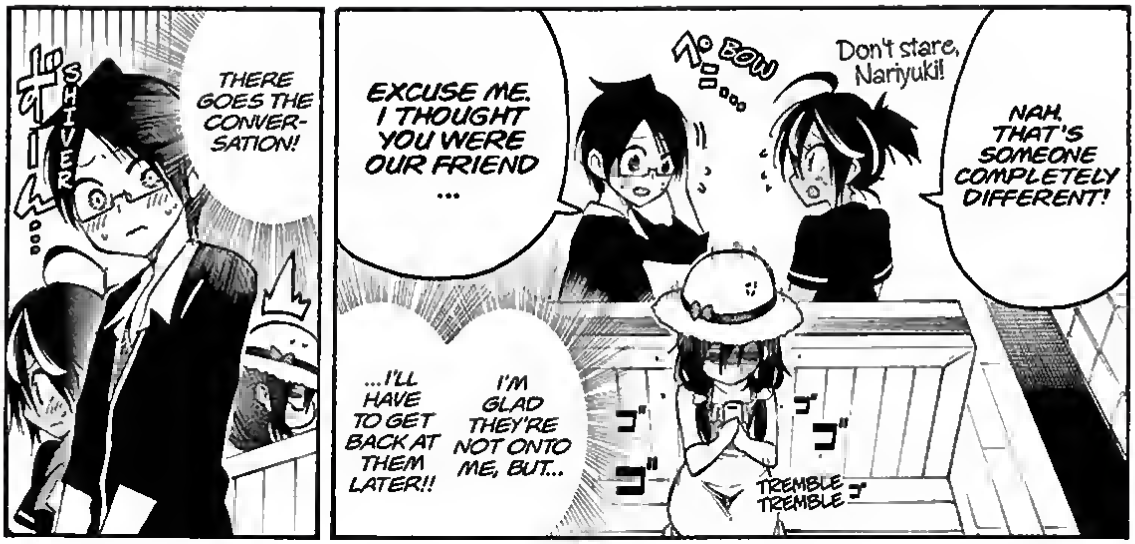
I THOUGHT I HEARD FURU-HASHI'S VOICE...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
OH NO! DID I BLOW IT?!


SHIVER
THERE GOES THE CONVER-SATION!
EXCUSE ME. I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUR FRIEND ...
...I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK AT THEM LATER!!
I'M GLAD THEY'RE NOT ONTO ME, BUT...
BOW
Don't stare, Nariyuki!
NAH, THAT'S SOMEONE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
TREMBLE TREMBLE

THIS "MY FRIEND" BUSINESS IS REALLY GETTING RIDICULOUS!
FUMINOCCHI! MY FRIEND BLURTED OUT SOMETHING WEIRD AND RUINED IT! HELP!
FURUHASHI! IT WAS GOING WELL, BUT NOW IT'S ALL WEIRD AGAIN! BETWEEN MY FRIEND AND THE GIRL, THAT IS!
BRRRR
BRRRR

TIME TO GET OUT THE BIG GUNS!
OKAY, YOU TWO!

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TAK TAK TAK
AT FIRST WHEN I TRIED TO GIVE IT TO YOU AND MIXED UP THE BAGS...
OH, GEE! I'M SO GLAD!
IT'S SO GREAT. THANK YOU.
BY THE WAY, THE PENCIL BOX YOU GAVE ME...
TAK TAK
SHOOSH
WHY NOT TALK ABOUT STUDYING?
SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE A GOOD TOPIC!
SHIVER
OH NO...
OOPS...
END OF CONVERSATION
WHA-AAAT?!
YOU COULD MENTION THAT THERE'S A COOL SHRINE NEARBY...
...THAT'S SUPPOSED TO FOSTER ACADEMIC SUCCESS! THEY COULD GO TOGETHER!

END OF CONVERSATION
OH.
OH. UH, YEAH...
DID YOU EVER LET YOUR CRUSH SEE YOU LIKE THAT?
THAT OUTFIT, LAST TIME WE WERE AT A SHRINE...
WHYY-YYY?!

WORMP
THE ATMOSPHERE JUST GETS HEAVIER AND HEAVIER!
WHY DOES EVERYTHING WE TRY BACKFIRE?!

THEY'VE BOTH LOST THE ABILITY TO MAKE FULL SENTENCES...
I'M... LOST...
FURUHASHI... HELP...
BZZZ
BZZZ

15:42
URUKA TAKEMOTO
HEY, URUKA....
HOW DOES YOUR FRIEND WANT THAT BOY TO FEEL ABOUT HER?
BLOOP
BLOOP
DOES SHE WANT HIM TO LIKE HER?
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GAH...
OBVIOUSLY.
OF COURSE I WANT THAT.
I'VE HAD A HUGE CRUSH ON HIM...
...SINCE JUNIOR HIGH. IT'S OVER-WHELMING!
No response...?

UNTIL EXAMS ARE OVER...
HE ALWAYS PUTS OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS FIRST.
...IT'S BETTER IF HE THINKS I LIKE SOME-ONE ELSE.
BUT IT'S NO USE.
FOR NOW...
15:45
...IF POSSIBLE...
...IF HE THOUGHT OF ME AS CUTE...
IF THINGS COULD JUST GO BACK TO NORMAL...
...AND JUST OCCASIONALLY...
THAT WOULD REALLY...
...MAKE ME HAPPY.

C'MON, URUKA!
YOU'RE TOO ADORABLE AND SWEET!
I'm blushing!
OMG
I MEAN...
...THAT'S WHAT MY FRIEND SAID!
BZZZ
EXPRESS YOUR HONEST FEELINGS, AND THEN YOU CAN BE FRIENDS.
SHOOP
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO CLEAR UP THIS MISUNDER-STANDING ABOUT LIKING SOMEONE ELSE!
SHOOP
CLENCH
BUT URUKA ...
SAWAKO?
?
GAH! NOT NOW!! WHO COULD THAT BE?
WHO CARES?!
15:48
SAWAKO SEKIJO
PONYTAIL
HIGH PONY
15:48
HEY, WHICH HAIRDO DO YOU THINK RISU OGATA WOULD LIKE MORE? THE UPDO IS SEXIER, BUT...

UM, WHERE WAS I?
ASK YUIGA HOW HE HONESTLY FEELS ABOUT YOU...
TAP
TAP
THE CUTER HAIR-STYLE...
THE MISUNDER-STANDING ABOUT...
TAP
SHOOP
TAP
OH NOOO-OOO!!
I SENT THAT TO THE WRONG PERSON!!
WHAT NOW?!
TAKE IT BACK! CANCEL!
TAKE-MOTO...

THAT HAIRSTYLE LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
IT'S CUTE.

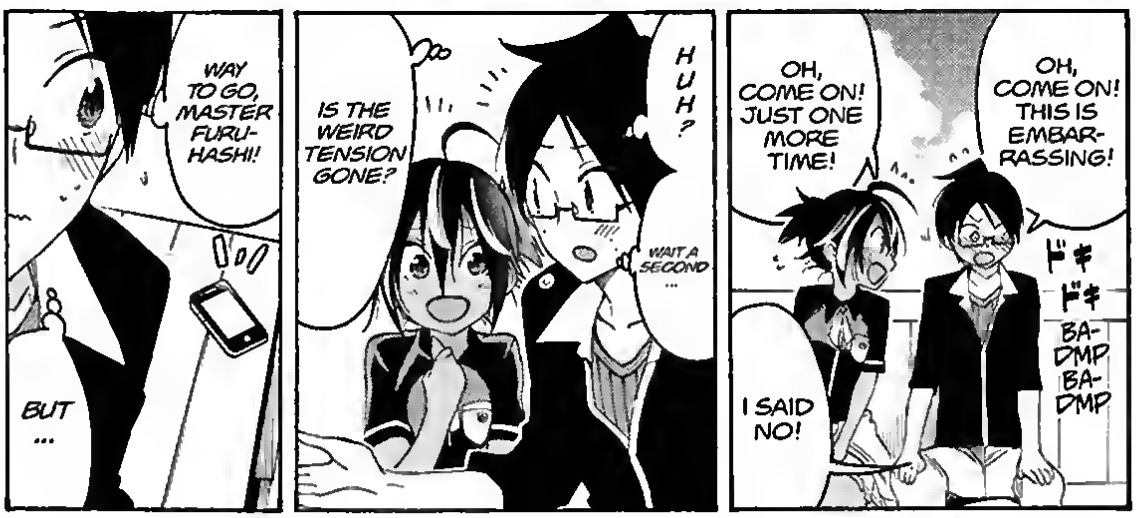
SAY WHAT?

IT'S ...
... CUTE.
...

HUH?
I MEAN, WHO CARES WHAT I THINK, RIGHT?
OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE!
FLUSH
I SAID...
JUST SAY IT!

ONE MORE TIME.

IT'S CUTE ...
ONE MORE TIME!
IT'S CUTE.
TEE HEE HEE!
AGAIN!


OH, COME ON! THIS IS EMBARRASSING!
OH, COME ON! JUST ONE MORE TIME!
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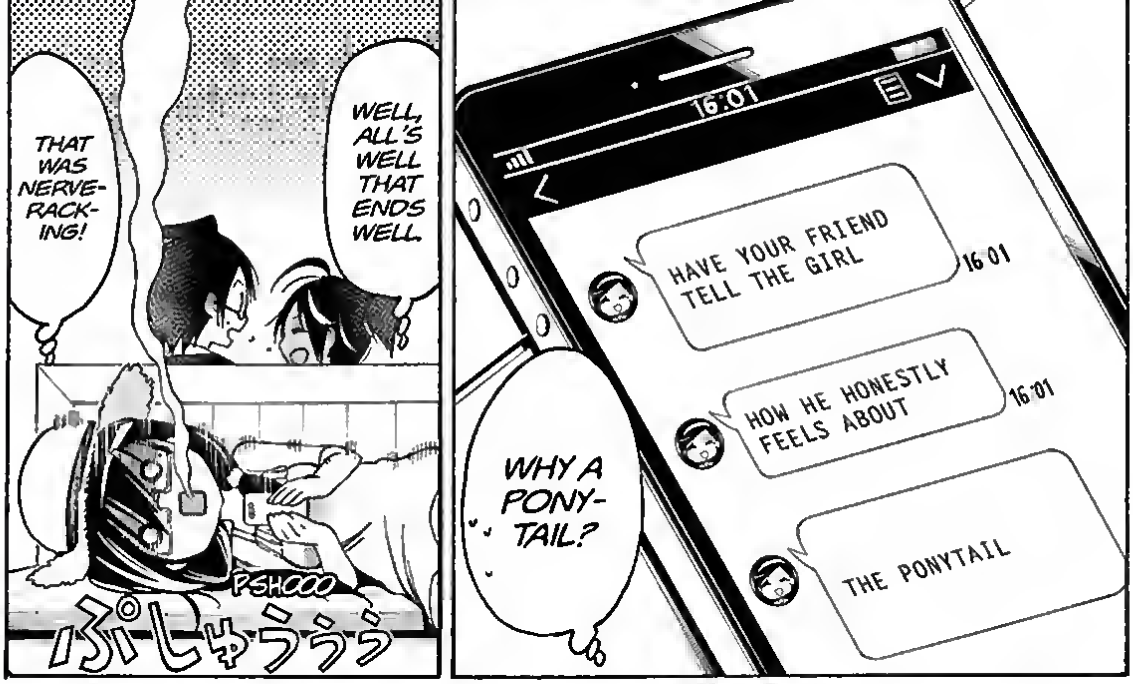
I SAID NO!
HUH?
WAIT A SECOND ...
IS THE WEIRD TENSION GONE?
WAY TO GO, MASTER FURUHASHI!
BUT ...


THAT WAS NERVE-RACKING!
WELL, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.
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16:01
HAVE YOUR FRIEND TELL THE GIRL
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HOW HE HONESTLY FEELS ABOUT
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THE PONYTAIL
WHY A PONY-TAIL?

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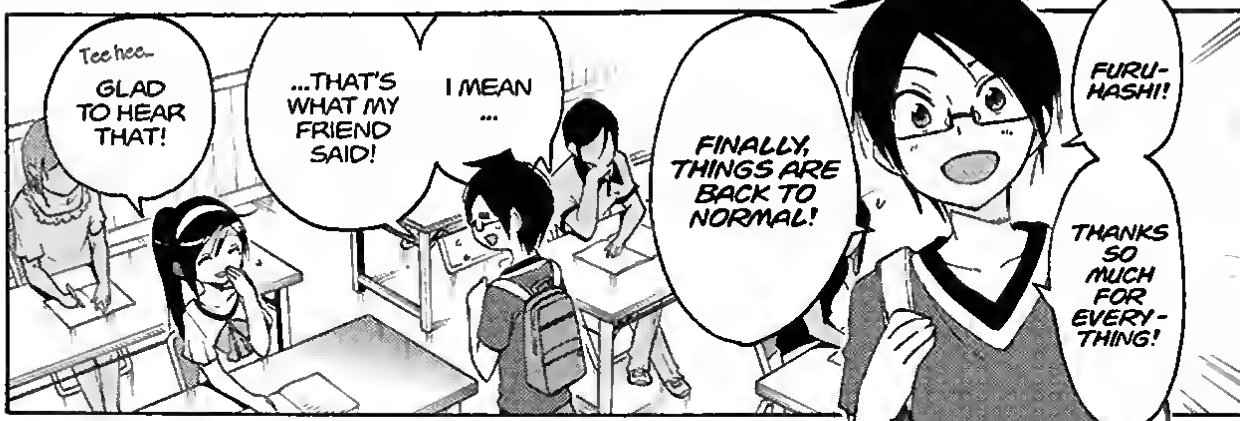
THE NEXT DAY..


Tee hee~
GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
...THAT'S WHAT MY FRIEND SAID!
I MEAN ...
FINALLY, THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL!
FURU-HASHI!
THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERY-THING!

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TWIRL TWIRL
WHAT'S UP?
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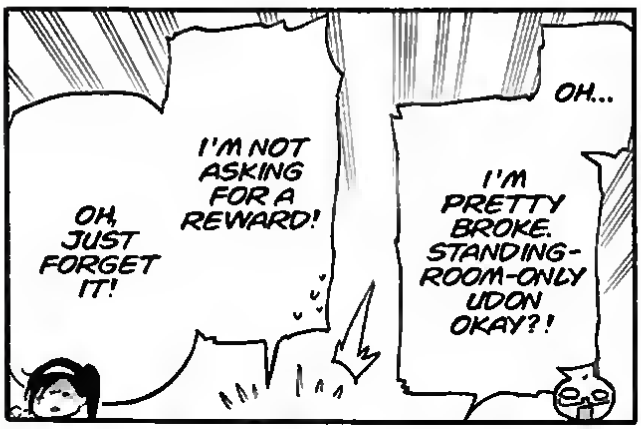

THANKS TO FUMINO FURUHASHI'S MISTEXT, A FRIENDSHIP WAS BORN.
...BUT SURE.
UH, I DON'T GET IT...
SO, CAN WE BE FRIENDS?
BLUSH
IT'S IMPORTANT TO CLEAR UP THIS MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT LIKING SOMEONE ELSE! EXPRESS YOUR HONEST FEELINGS, AND THEN YOU CAN BE FRIENDS.
I DON'T HAVE A CRUSH ON ANYONE, RISU OGATA!
IT SEEMS THERE'S BEEN SOME KIND OF MISUNDER-STANDING...

TO BE CONTINUED...